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Past experience in injury control: As Department Chair and Instructor for the UTTC Injury Prevention Program, I developed and instructed injury prevention classes for an Associate of Applied Science Degree. This is the first undergraduate degree program in injury prevention in the world. Between 1996 and 1998, I was Executive Director of the Native American Injury Prevention Coalition in Bismarck, ND. Between 1986 and 1996, I was a Public Health Advisor with the Indian Health Service in Bismarck, ND, and Aberdeen, SD.

Reason for choosing to serve on the TSC: At United Tribes Technical College, we are educating American Indian students in the field of injury prevention. We want to reduce the epidemic injury death rates American Indians are facing nationally due MVC, suicides and homicides. We are networking with various entities in this very important endeavor. The TSC provides a wonderful opportunity to work with injury prevention professionals from all across Indian Country who truly want to make a difference in their tribal communities. I believe we can learn from each, by sharing our expertise and willingness to work together for a great common cause.